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### (U) CALIFORNIA

#### (U) San Francisco – Four Militia Group Members Plead Guilty to Obstruction of Justice Conspiracy

(U) Four members of the “Grizzly Scouts” militia group, a group connected to the “boogaloo” movement, have pleaded guilty to conspiring to obstruct justice by destroying records connected to the investigation of the murder of a federal Protective Security Officer (PSO) contracted to the Federal Protective Service and the shooting and attempted murder of a second PSO on 29 May 2020, at the Oakland federal building, announced Acting United States Attorney Stephanie M. Hinds and FBI Special Agent in Charge Craig D. Fair. Jessie Rush, 29, of Turlock; Robert Blancas, 33, a transient resident of the Bay Area; Simon Ybarra, 23, of Los Gatos; and Kenny Miksch, 21, of San Lorenzo, were indicted on 23 March 2021, in connection with their scheme to obstruct justice by destroying records material to the murder and shooting investigation.

SOURCE: 21 September 2021, [DOJ](#)

### (U) NATIONAL

#### (U) New York – Self-Proclaimed QAnon Supporter Arrested for Threat to Kill Dominican Leader

(U) New York City – A self-proclaimed QAnon supporter was arrested for threatening to kill the president of the Dominican Republic after he tracked down the official in New York City where he is staying for the United Nations General Assembly, federal authorities said yesterday. Enrique Figueroa, 47, made repeated threats on social media in recent weeks, depicting a growing violent obsession with President Luis Abinader and landing himself on the radar of law enforcement officials in New York who are in a state of heightened alert because of the events at the UN which began last week, the Jewish high holidays and the 20th anniversary of the 9/11 attacks.

SOURCE: 21 September 2021, [Washington Post](#)

#### (U) Virginia – Two Wounded, One Juvenile in Custody Following Shooting at High School

(U) Newport News – Two people are being treated for gunshot wounds following a shooting at Heritage High School in Newport News, Virginia, according to police. Their injuries are not considered life-threatening, and a suspect was in custody later in the day, investigators said. Students at the high school were evacuated and sent to the tennis courts, according to the Newport News Police Department. Police said at 11:30 a.m., they responded to a shooting call at the school. “Four, maybe five” students were sent to area hospitals. Of those, two were being treated for gunshot wounds. The two unidentified gunshot victims are 17 years old. One male was shot in the face and a female was shot in the lower leg, police said at a press conference.

SOURCE: 21 September 2021, [ABC 7](#)

### (U) INTERNATIONAL

#### (U) Afghanistan – ISIS Claims Responsibility for Bombs Targeting Taliban Fighters in Afghanistan

(U) Kabul – The Islamic State (ISIS) militant group has claimed responsibility for a string of bombings that targeted Taliban fighters in eastern Afghanistan, evidence of seemingly deepening strife between the

rival groups in the country. Explosions hit Taliban vehicles in Jalalabad over the weekend and killed eight people, some of them from the Taliban. There were unconfirmed reports of more Taliban casualties after three additional explosions were heard yesterday in the provincial city, where there is an ISIS presence, the Associated Press reported. As the Taliban seek legitimacy in the international community, the group also faces pressure to prevent ISIS extremists from using Afghanistan as a base to stage terror attacks.

SOURCE: 21 September 2021, [Newsweek](#)

**(U) Cameroon – Separatists Kill 15 Soldiers Using Explosives**

(U) Douala – Separatist rebels have killed 15 Cameroonian soldiers and several civilians in two bomb attacks this month, the government said yesterday, marking a new phase of a conflict that has dragged on for nearly five years and cost more than 3,000 lives. Insurgents are seeking to form a breakaway state called “Ambazonia” in western Cameroon. They began fighting the military in 2017 after civilian protests calling for greater representation of the French-speaking country's Anglophone minority were violently repressed. What began with occasional raids by secessionists on police and army outposts has turned into a protracted fight that has sucked the life from large parts of the forested oil- and coffee-producing region. The first of this month's attacks occurred last week in Kumbo, a town in the Northwest region, when a military convoy was hit by an improvised explosive device.

SOURCE: 21 September 2021, [Reuters](#)

**(U) Syria – Two Jihadist Commanders Killed in Syria Drone Strikes: Monitor**

(U) Idlib – Drone strikes killed two jihadist commanders yesterday close to Al-Qa’ida in the Idlib region of northwest Syria, a war monitor said. The raids were carried out by the US-led international coalition battling jihadists in Syria and Iraq, the Syrian Observatory for Human Rights said. The strikes targeted a vehicle on the road leading from Idlib city to Binnish further north, the Observatory said. One of the commanders killed was Tunisian while the other was from Yemen or Saudi Arabia, without identifying the group they belonged to. The Idlib region is dominated by Syria's former Al-Qa’ida affiliate, but rebels and other jihadists are also present. Jihadist factions have been the target of Syrian, Russian, US and international coalition strikes in the past.

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